

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 750

Introduced by Assembly Member Low

February 25, 2015

An act to amend Section 462 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to business and professions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 750, as introduced, Low. Business and professions: licenses.

Existing law provides for numerous boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the Department of Consumer Affairs, that administer the licensing and regulation of various businesses and professions. Existing law authorizes any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the department, except as specified, to establish by regulation a system for an inactive category of license for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation. Under existing law, the holder of an inactive license is prohibited from engaging in any activity for which a license is required.

This bill would additionally authorize any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs within the department, except as specified, to establish by regulation a system for a retired category of license for persons who are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or vocation, and would prohibit the holder of a retired license from engaging in any activity for which a license is required.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 462 of the Business and Professions Code
2 is amended to read:

3 462. (a) Any of the boards, bureaus, commissions, or programs
4 within the department may establish, by regulation, a system for
5 an inactive *and a retired* category of licensure for persons who
6 are not actively engaged in the practice of their profession or
7 vocation.

8 (b) The regulation shall contain the following provisions:

9 (1) The holder of an inactive *or retired* license issued pursuant
10 to this section shall not engage in any activity for which a license
11 is required.

12 (2) An inactive license issued pursuant to this section shall be
13 renewed during the same time period in which an active license
14 is renewed. The holder of an inactive license need not comply with
15 any continuing education requirement for renewal of an active
16 license.

17 (3) The renewal fee for a license in an active status shall apply
18 also for a renewal of a license in an inactive status, unless a lesser
19 renewal fee is specified by the board.

20 (4) In order for the holder of an inactive license issued pursuant
21 to this section to restore his or her license to an active status, the
22 holder of an inactive license shall comply with all the following:

23 (A) Pay the renewal fee.

24 (B) If the board requires completion of continuing education
25 for renewal of an active license, complete continuing education
26 equivalent to that required for renewal of an active license, unless
27 a different requirement is specified by the board.

28 (c) This section shall not apply to any healing arts board as
29 specified in Section 701.